and M/s Hind Agro (P) Ltd. M/s Hind Agro (P) Ltd. has provided pollution control devices and is in the process of setting up anaerobic digestion plant to recover bio-gas and generate electricity with the support of Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. As the Nagar Nigam slaughter house does not have the required pollution control measures installed, the unit was issued Closure order under Section 25/26 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 by the U.P. Pollution Control Board. The Board has decided to further take legal action against the unit in the Court of Law.

Also the CPCB has been pursuing with the SPCBs/PCCs including the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board for the installation of necessary pollution control measures, for treatment of effluents and solid waste management including preparation of a time bound action plan by the slaughter houses. The CPCB have also issued directions under Section 18(1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 to the SPCBs/PCCs.

Financial assistance for afforestation by NGOs in MP

†1335. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has demanded any kind of financial assistance for afforestation by Non-Government Organisations;

(b) whether Government have given its clearance to the said demand; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Government of Madhya Pradesh has not specifically demanded any kind of financial assistance for afforestation by Non-Government Organisations (NGOs). However, Ministry of Environment and Forests gives financial assistance to voluntary agencies including NGOs for afforestation under

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Grants-in-Aid Scheme of National Afforestation and Eco-development Board in the Ministry. The proposals of NGOs for financial assistance under this scheme are received duly scrutinized and prioritized through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of the State. During last three years, Ministry of Environment and Forests has given financial assistance of Rs. 55.45 lakh for the purpose of afforestation to 15 NGOs whose proposals were received through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Madhya Pradesh.

Declaration of Bankapur as 'Peacock Conservation Reserve'

1336. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to include Bankapur forest close to Haveri in Karnataka under a new category of protection called 'Conservation Reserves';

(b) whether it is a fact that it has a population of nearly 1,000 peacocks;

(c) whether the Bankapur forest and temples belonging to the Hoysala reign would be included under this plan; and

(d) when the final declaration would be made declaring the area as 'Bankapur Convservation Reserve'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir. As reported by the State Government of Karnataka an area of 139.10 acres at Bankapur Fort area has been found feasible for declaration as 'Conservation Reserve'.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Nagareswara Temple and Yellamma Devi Temple are included under the plan.

(d) Under the Wildlife (Protection) Act,1972 the declaration of an area as Conservation Reserve falls under the domain of the State Government.